



## Patricia L. Stanczyk (nee Vanderwerf)

June 20, 1958 - August 28, 2024

Patricia L. Stanczyk (nee Vanderwerf)

Passed away August 28, 2024, following a brief illness with family by her side. Daughter of the late F. James Vanderwerf and the late Kathleen McMartin; cherished wife of Robert Stanczyk; beloved sister of James Vanderwerf, Kathy (James) Daniel, Brian (Denielle Hall) McMartin, Jennifer (Andrew) Moeller, Amy Coghlan, Jenny (Glenn) Eck and the late Mark Vanderwerf and late Michael (Kathy) Vanderwerf; also survived by many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and many good friends.

Visitation Wednesday September 4, 2024 from 3 to 6 PM at the WATTENGEL FUNERAL HOME, 533 Meadow Dr. North Tonawanda where Services will follow at 6 PM.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. ([stjude.org/donate](http://stjude.org/donate))

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Elmwood Ave.  
Kenmore, NY 14217

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 4. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)  
533 Meadow Drive  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *I remember working with Patty at Bensons Surgical many years ago. She was always an upbeat person. So sorry.* ”

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**Elaine Addy** - February 17, 2025 at 11:46 AM

“ One thing every high school student had to endure every school day for three years is: Attend Homeroom! And the Alphabet and Homeroom 338 somehow conspired to put Pat Vanderwerf and I together, starting on that first day of 10th grade in September 1973, and wrapping up in June 1976. And so, for three years I began every school day with Pat commandeering my attention!

*Mrs. Jayne Mack, English Teacher Extraordinaire, was stuck with us students for those fifteen or twenty minutes that started every school day, with the crackling P.A. system and the Pledge of Allegiance, and Pat often took attendance. But she didn't just take attendance; Pat really got to know everyone. And what Pat soon learned about me is that I wasn't a morning person. I worked a morning job, mopping the floors and prepping Bona Pizza on Parkhurst and Sheridan before sunrise, and many days I rode my 10-speed bike, even in the wintertime, as I lived way down Parker beyond Lincoln Park.*

*Needless to say, I frequently arrived a wee bit late, and Pat was always so kind, "Oh, John will be here; he's probably late again due to the snow. I'll mark him down as PRESENT!" Most of the time, this helped out a lot, because I always had that homeroom period as a late-arrival buffer; but I also missed a lot of school days due to two seasons of getting 'banged up' playing high school football.*

*If I was absent, however, my attendance records would indicate that I was present in homeroom (Thanks, Pat!), but absent in every other class for the remainder of the day! On several occasions, I had to explain that I was actually absent all day, and that my homeroom attendance must have been marked "present" in error.*

*Pat always stood out in my eye, most notably at the many school dances, as she and numerous others formed into those ubiquitous 'circles of friends' in the gymnasium, and it wasn't just her height that made her stand out. Pat's demeanor, even while doing something as routine as taking class attendance, made me notice*

*her, and made me feel special and seen.*

*In my mind, Pat, I'm marking YOU present today. 🌹*

*Homeroom 338, We All Love You. - john quill taylor -*

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**john quill taylor** - November 17, 2024 at 08:58 AM

MC

“ *Aunt Patty, you were one of a kind! Always a comforting word and good advice. You have always been there for me, my kids and Uncle Tuba. I have the fondest memories of you and will cherish them forever. You are greatly loved and will be missed by all. Love you!*

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**Maria Colf** - September 05, 2024 at 06:50 PM

MS

“ *Dear Aunt Patty, you had a wonderful life surrounded by your family and friends. Thank you for always taking care of my godfather aka Tuba and being a part of our family! Rest In Peace- love you and we will miss you! Marissa*

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**Marissa Stanczyk** - September 03, 2024 at 08:33 PM

RB

“ *Patty was my Best Friend Forever. We shared over 45 years of memorable joys and sorrows. She has a special place in my heart, and I will continue to cherish and love her with every thought. My sympathy goes out to everyone she touched in life as she would want us all to be loved and remembered.*

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**Rita Belgrader** - September 01, 2024 at 01:04 PM

BL

“ Beth Luschenat purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Patricia L. Stanczyk (nee Vanderwerf).



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**Beth Luschenat** - August 31, 2024 at 01:39 PM

PP

“ Tuba sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and your family❤️❤️🙏🙏

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**Paul Pascucci** - August 31, 2024 at 01:16 PM

KE

“ My Aunt Patty was an amazing woman and made the best bbq weenies :) she'll forever be missed by all of us ❤️❤️❤️

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**Kelly** - August 30, 2024 at 10:47 PM